

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Health Medical and Family Welfare Department-COVID-19-Fixation of ceiling on rates chargeable by Private Hospitals and Private Laboratories for treatment and testing-Orders - Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE(D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.248

Dated:15.06.2020

Read the following:

1. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, Act No. 3 of 1897.
2. G.O.Ms.No.13 HM&FW(D) Dept Dated:21.3.2020.
3. Disaster Management Act 2005.
4. Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act 2010.
5. Revised guidelines for Home Isolation issued by MoHFW, Gol dtd 10/05/2020.

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ORDER:

The Government of Telangana has been taking various measures to combat COVID-19 pandemic. The Government is providing free testing and treatment in the Government hospitals. However, in view of a number of public grievances regarding exorbitant rates being charged by private health care providers, the Government has decided to fix ceiling on the rates chargeable by private health care providers for providing testing and treatment services to COVID-19 patients.

2. The Government after careful examination of the matter, and in terms of the provisions given in the references read above, hereby order to fix maximum rates chargeable by private hospitals for various services provided by them for COVID-19 treatment. Ceiling on prices as shown below shall be followed with immediate effect.

Package	Rate in INR per day	Inclusions	Exclusions
Charges for Routine ward + Isolation	4000	This includes Monitoring and Investigations like CBC, Urine routine, HIV spot, Anti HCV, Hbs Ag, Serum Creatinine, USG, 2D ECHO, X-Ray, ECG, Drugs, Consultations, Bed Charges, meals. Procedures like Rylestube insertion, urinary tract catheterization.	Does not include: 1. PPE 2. Interventional procedures like, but not limited to, Central line insertion, Chemoport insertion, bronchoscopic procedures, biopsies, ascitic / pleural tapping, etc, which may be charges at a rack rate as on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2019. 3. COVID-19 testing - to be done as per actual cost as fixed by the state Government i.e., Rs.2,200. 4. High end investigations like CT-SCAN, MRI, PET scan or any lab investigation not included in the previous column - to be charged at rack rates of hospital as on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019.
Charges for ICU without ventilator + Isolation	7500		
Charges for ICU with ventilator + Isolation	9000		

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3. The Private hospitals shall display the above rates at prominent places in their premises. It is the duty of the concerned private hospital to explain the patient/relatives about charges for various services.

4. It has come to notice that many asymptomatic and mild symptom cases are being admitted in the hospital facilities. Attention is invited to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, which clearly state that Asymptomatic and mild symptom cases do not need hospitalization and are either recommended to be kept under home isolation, following the guidelines issued previously by the government for home isolation or be sent to COVID care centers if their houses are not suitable for home isolation. All private hospitals are hereby directed to scrupulously follow these guidelines.

5. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has permitted some of the private laboratories to do COVID-19 tests. Private laboratories shall test strictly following the testing protocols issued by the ICMR as updated from time to time. Further the Government, in terms of the provisions given in the references read above, hereby fix the following maximum rates chargeable for testing (RT-PCR) by the above private laboratories:

Maximum Rates Chargeable for RT-PCR TEST	
Samples which are collected at the Labs/Hospitals	Rs.2,200
Samples which are collected from home	Rs.2,800

6. All private health care providers - both hospitals & laboratories should enter the real time data on the digital platform developed by the Government of Telangana @ [www.chfw.telangana.gov.in](http://www.chfw.telangana.gov.in). The private hospitals shall apply to Director Public Health for permission to treat COVID-19 patients. The Director of Public Health shall issue the necessary user credentials and passwords after due scrutiny. As and when a positive case is detected, case detail has to be immediately entered into this portal by the private laboratories to enable immediate tracing of contacts and taking further action. Similarly, when a COVID-19 positive patient is admitted in a private hospital, the private hospital shall enter the details in the above portal.

7. All private health care providers shall strictly follow the guidelines issued by ICMR on testing and clinical management & discharge guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol as updated from time to time. In the public interest, they shall restrain from aggressive marketing.

8. All Hospital are directed to strictly comply with the above orders. Non-Compliance shall attract action as per the provision of law.

9. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To

The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, Aarogyasree Health Care Trust, Hyderabad.

The Director of Medical Education, Telangana, Hyderabad.

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All District Medical and Health Officers in the State.

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